

- 541 The favorite sport occasions among the
517 farmers are horse races, at which the horses
are not ridden but are harnessed before small
light carriages. Finnish represent a fairly
small and gracefully built variety which is
363 especially good for long distance running. How-
ever, for practical use, even in the country
horses are being replaced by cars and trucks,
and in the cities they are becoming a curiosity,
the bicycle is now as indispensable in summer
time as skis are during the winter.

- 517 In addition to sports, music is a popular form
533 of recreation, in rural areas as well as in
cities. Almost every village has a choir, and
in summer singers from every part of the
country gather for large music festivals.

- 517 Theater is also very popular among the Finns.

- 545 Professional theaters exist in all the cities and